Setting up of oil refinery in Orissa

1999. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are exploring the possibility for setting-up Oil Refineries in the country in the private or joint sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of progress made so far on the Indian Oil Corporation's proposal to set up Oil Refinery in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Mangalore Refinery is being set up as a joint venture. No decision has been taken to set up any refinery entirely in the private sector.

(c) The proposal is under consideration of the Government.

Production of crude

2000. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Oil and Natural Gas Commission (ONGC) has changed its crude oil production targets thrice in the recent past;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that there has been decrease in the crude production in the country during the last three years inspite of the increased ONGC personnel and the infrastructure remaining the same;

(d) if so, what are the reasons for decrease in crude oil production; and

(e) what action Government propose to take to increase the crude production in the country?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) There has been a shortfall in production of crude oil during 1990-91 to the extent of approx. 2.66 million tonnes against the target fixed in the MOU signed between the Government and ONGC.

(c) and (d) Crude oil production in the last three years has been as follows:—

		(*million tonnes*)
(i)	1988-89	32.06
(ii)	1989-90	34.69
(iii)	1990-91	33.00

The reduced production of crude oil in 1990-91 as compared to 1989-90 has been due to leakage from certain subsea pipelines reservoir considerations (pressure decline, increase in GOR and water cut), officers' strike, and delays in implementation of certain schemes.

(e) A number of oil field development projects have been taken up to augment domestic crude oil production.

Joint sector Aromatics project

2001. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) by when the Government is likely to take the final decision on the joint sector Aromatics project near Madras; and

(b) what are the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) No specific date can be indicated for taking a final decision.

तेल उत्पादन का लक्ष्य

2002. **श्रीमती वीणा वर्मा** : क्या **पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान तेल उत्पादन का लक्ष्य 85 मिलियन

टन निर्धारित किया है ; यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि दिसम्बर, 1989 के पश्चात तेल के उत्पादन में काफी तेजी से गिरावट आई है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है;

(घ) क्या यह भी सच है कि तेल और प्राकृतिक गैस आयोग की वित्तीय स्थिति काफी बिगड़ चुकी है और इसके परिणामस्वरूप वर्तमान वित्तीय वर्ष के लाभ में काफी कमी आने की संभावना है; यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है; और

(ङ) इस स्थिति में सुधार लाने के लिए सरकार क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार रखती है ?

पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री (श्री बी० शंकरानंद) : (क) आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना को अभी अंतिम रूप देना है।

(ख) और (ग) देश में कच्चे तेल का उत्पादन वर्ष 1989–90 और 1990–91 के दौरान क्रमश: 34.68 मिलियन टन और 33.00 मिलियन टन हुआ।

(घ) और (ङ) वर्ष 1990–91 में तेल और प्राकृतिक गैस आयोग का कर पश्चात लाभ 1948 करोड़ रुपए का था जबकि वर्ष 1989–90 में 1624 करोड़ रुपए का हुआ था। लाभ में हुई गिरावट मुख्यत: विनिमय मुद्रा की काफी हानि बट्टे खाते में डाली गई सूखे कुओं की लागत मूल्य ह्रास/ रिक्तिकरण और प्रचालन व्यय के कारणों से हुई। तेल एवं प्राकृतिक गैस आयोग की कार्य-प्रणाली की समीक्षा सतत आधार पर की जाती है।

Development of technology

2003. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a radical concept of Enhanced Oil Recovery upto 90 to 95 per cent has been developed by the Chemical Technology Department of Bombay University;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when this technology is likely to be in use for tapping oil?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) The Chemical Technology Department of Bombay University has propounded a concept for recovery of oil by lowering a semipermeable membrane against the sand face to allow oil flow exclusively in production well supported by injection of gas in the injection well. The process can be put to use for commercial purpose only after it has been verified at bench level and pilot level.

Development of free gas fields

2004. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up joint ventures to develop free gas fields; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) No decision has been taken at present.

L.P.G. agencies to women

2005. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether women entrepreneurs are given an L.P.G. agency;